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Hungarian Troops in Kecskemet.

1. On 26 August 1952, a Hungarian military office was stationed in building No 3, Dozsa Gyoergy Street, former Regi Vasar Square, in Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95). The building, which was partly three-, and partly two-story and was formerly a secondary school, was bordered by Dozsa Gyoergy Street on the south, Maria Koerut on the east and Kuelsoe Szabadsag Street on the north. It had a large yard with poplars which had a brickwall, about 2.3 meters high, on the back. In the morning, three entrances were guarded by sentries wearing green epaulets and, in the afternoon of the same day, by sentries with red epaulets. Three Pobveda type sedans driven by soldiers wearing crimson, green or red epaulets, were parked in front of the building which appeared rather empty. No officers were seen leaving or entering.
2. On 26 August 1952, the new Hungarian barracks installation on the southside of Izsaki Street, between the former Erzsébet Barracks and the Soviet motor vehicle repair shop, appeared unoccupied. An Hungarian sentry armed with a submachine gun and wearing black epaulets with a lightning-flash cluster as insignia, stood at the northern entrance of the installation while some Hungarian soldiers were near the kitchen.
3. In the afternoon of 22 August 1952, four Hungarian weapon carriers with soldiers wearing green epaulets were seen in the streets of the town. A white C was painted on the windshields of these vehicles which had a plate with the inscription Tanulo Kocsi (driver training car) at the back.

Hungarian Troops in Cegled.

4. In the afternoon of 24 August 1952, the new Artillery Barracks in Cegled (Q 48/O 08) on the southwest side of Toerteli Street and about 1 km east of the crossing of this street and the Cegled - Kecskemet railroad line appeared to be vacant. Scaffolds and building material could be seen at various places in the barracks area. About 25 soldiers including a sentry wearing red epaulets were in the barracks area, while a jeep with two

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soldiers wearing red epaulets left it. Source learnt from a Cegled resident that, in the spring of 1952, many Hungarian artillery troops were quartered in the barracks installation. A Hungarian artillery senior lieutenant who was billeted in the house of this resident, went with his unit to practices in the Koerceszi forest in May 1952. This officer came home every two or three weeks.

Hungarian Troops in Budapest, Balatonszentgyoergy and Nagykoeroes.

5. On 21 August 1952, source saw a garage about 50 meters long, at No 4 Kaplar Street in Budapest. A Hungarian soldier wearing brown service color, stood in front of this garage, while about 20 Hungarian soldiers and eight weapons carriers were inside. Numerous other vehicles were parked in the yard.
6. On 26 August 1952, about 10:30 a.m., a Hungarian military train consisting of about 30 cars, stood at a ramp of the Nagykoeroes Railroad Station (Q 48/O 06). About 250 Hungarian soldiers wearing red service color and carrying full pack were waiting on the ramp. Jeeps, weapon carriers and GMC type trucks were entrained on open flatcars. 4
7. In the evening of 19 August 1952, about 50 unarmed Hungarian soldiers with baggage were seen in the waiting room of the Balatonszentgyoergy Railroad Station (Y 4/A 59). About the half of them had red service color, while about 15 men wore green and some others black, crimson or dark blue service color. The soldiers said that they came from Keszthely (Y 4/V 40) and were on a 10 day furlough to do agricultural work. 5

Hungarian military headquarters in Kecskemet.

8. Prior to September 1951, a Hungarian corps headquarters was stationed in the former school on the northwest side of Regi Vasar Square in Kecskemet. It was guarded by infantrymen wearing green service color. Hungarian signal troops wearing blue service color were quartered in a smaller barracks installation on the south side of Izsaki Street west of the railroad line.
9. In September 1951, the Hungarian station headquarters was on the northwest side of Nagykoercesi Street. The recruiting office of the station was located in a building on the west side of Laszlo Karoly Street, not far from Csongradi Street. This building was marked by a floorplate.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. The present information again confirms that the former secondary school at No 3 Dczsa Gyoergy Street and the new barracks installation on the southern side of the Izsaki Street are occupied by Hungarian troops. The secondary school also continues to quarter the corps headquarters located there. The new barracks installation on Izsaki Street seems to permanently quarter a signal unit, possibly the corps signal regiment of corps signal battalion. The black service color of the sentry reported in paragraph 2 probably was an error in observation and, actually, was the dark blue service color of the signal troops. This assumption is supported by the lightning-flash cluster insignia. The fact that the former secondary school as well as the new barracks installation looked empty, may indicate that at the time of the observations mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2, corps headquarters and

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signal unit were out for practices and only reserve detachments were left.

2. Comment. The information indicates that the new Artillery Barracks on Toerteli Street is probably scheduled to quarter a Hungarian artillery unit. It is believed that this unit was stationed in a summer camp in May and would return to the barracks installation after summer training and possible fall exercises. 25X1A
3. The garage is apparently the garage of the Honved Ministry which has been carried as located on Ezredes Street. On the basis of the present information, the garage is believed to also have an entrance on Kaplar Street which is parallel. 25X1A
4. This information again indicates that at least temporarily, a Hungarian unit is stationed in Nagykoerces. The red service color possibly indicates an artillery unit. 25X1A
5. The information indicates that Hungarian troops of different arms are stationed in Keszthely.

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